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TO: Chief School Administrators
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ROUTE TO: Building Administrators

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SUBJECT: The *Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials* and Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Live Streaming

Action Step: School districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects must conduct the 2017-18 annual review of the *Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials*. In addition, districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects must identify if a Memorandum of Understanding is necessary regarding live streaming of video surveillance with law enforcement.

Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials

On July 25, 2017, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) issued a [Broadcast memorandum](#) notifying districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects to postpone the 2017-18 annual review of the *Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials* (MOA) because a revised MOA would be released in November. The NJDOE has determined that schools and law enforcement should **review and approve** the current [MOA revised in 2015](#) at this time due to unanticipated delays in finalizing the revised MOA for the 2017-18 school year. [Guidance is available](#) on the annual review and approval of the MOA to assist with the process.

Supplemental Training

As a reminder, and to assist schools in implementing the MOA, according to *N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.1*, school liaisons to law enforcement must complete the [safe schools resource officer training course](#).

NJDOE Support

The NJDOE regrets any inconvenience the delay in signing the 2017-18 MOA may have caused local school staff. Please share this information with your building administrators *and local law enforcement* so that they may plan commencement of the annual review and approval of the MOA.

Live Streaming Memorandum of Understanding

Pursuant to [P.L.2017, c. 119](#), effective July 21, 2017, if at least one school building of a school district is equipped with video surveillance equipment that is capable of streaming live video wirelessly to a remote location, the board of education and local law enforcement must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which provides the authorities with the capacity to activate the equipment and view the live streaming video.

The MOU regarding live streaming, at a minimum, must include:

1. A list of designated law enforcement authorities, including contact information, position, rank, and supervisor's contact information, of those who are authorized to activate the equipment to view the live streaming video. The list may be executed as a confidential attachment to the MOU.
2. Description of the circumstances under which the designated individuals could activate and view the live streaming video.
3. A detailed plan for preventing and detecting unauthorized access to live streaming video.

In the case of a school building that is located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, the school board must enter into an MOU with an entity designated by the Superintendent of State Police.

In the event that the parties to the MOU are unable to reach an agreement regarding any of the required provisions (items 1-3, above), the county prosecutor must make the final determination regarding that provision.

Nothing in this section should be construed as requiring installation of video surveillance equipment capable of streaming live video wirelessly to a remote site.

Please send questions to EDLawMOA@doe.state.nj.us.

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